



**BUDGET COMMITTEE
(STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON BUDGET)
MINUTES
September 24, 2019**

PRESENT: Mayor Mike Savage, Vice-Chair
Deputy Mayor Tony Mancini
Councillors: David Hendsbee
Lorelei Nicoll
Sam Austin
Waye Mason
Lindell Smith
Shawn Cleary
Russell Walker
Stephen Adams
Richard Zurawski
Matt Whitman
Lisa Blackburn
Tim Outhit

REGRETS: Councillor Steve Streach
Bill Karsten, Chair

STAFF: Jane Fraser, Director of Finance & Asset Management/CFO
John Traves, Municipal Solicitor
Sherryl Murphy, Deputy Municipal Clerk
Liam MacSween, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. and adjourned at 1:24 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Savage, Chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. in Council Chamber, 3rd Floor City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax.

Budget Committee agreed to add Item 1.1 Deputy Mayor Mancini – Leave of Absence Request – Councillor Karsten to the agenda.

1.1 Deputy Mayor Mancini – Leave of Absence Request – Councillor Karsten

The following was before Budget Committee:

- A Councillor Request for Consideration Form

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

Pursuant to the Halifax Regional Municipal Charter section 22 (1), I request that the Budget Committee Grant Councillor Karsten a leave of absence in respect to meetings of Budget Committee effective until January 31, 2020 due to Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) related travel.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – NONE

3. Capital Funding Framework

The following was before Budget Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated September 10, 2019

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT the Budget Committee direct the Chief Administrative Officer to develop a funding framework for the long-term capital plan that considers the principles and considerations outlined in the staff report dated September 10, 2019 and to return for approval to the Budget Committee for development of the 2021-22 budget.

Mayor Savage called three times for members of the public to speak on the matter; there were none present.

In response to questions from Budget Committee, Jane Fraser, Chief Financial Officer clarified the intent of the Capital Funding Framework is to establish long-term funding plans for future capital and growth projects. Fraser provided background information on the federal Public Transit Infrastructure Fund (PTIF) program and provided commentary on other federal infrastructure revenue streams.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:24 p.m.

Kevin Arjoon
Municipal Clerk